

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Bob,

Sorry not to have been back in touch sooner. Life has indeed been active since I came back from Napoli.

I certainly wish I could be more encouraging as to some opening for you with me here than I in fact can be. On the one hand, in the case of short-term help to get organized and get going, I frankly find myself surfeited at the moment. I simply can't find the hours in the day to permit me to ask anyone like yourself to come down and spend some time with us. In short, if I could not give you the time to take adequate advantage of your help, it would hardly be worthwhile for either one of us. One of my problems at the moment, in fact, is a surfeit of well-meaning friends of mine and of the intelligence community who simply must come by to give me advice. What I need is time to sit down and sort it out for myself and come up with some answers.

On the longer run, I am busily engaged in the whole issue of reorganization. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is drafting legislation to reorganize us whether we like it or not. The President has us doing our own study. Until that settles down some months hence I have decided basically that I will go with the basic team plus Bob Bowie, as you have read. Sorry not to be more helpful and more definite.

Will hope to say hello when I come up in May. In the meantime, thanks again for all your offers of help and the very best to you and Mary.

Yours,



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